

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 4, 2005.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: Randy Menard - Chair (District 9), Bobby Badeaux (District 1), Dale Bourgeois (District 2), Christopher J. Williams, Ph.D. (District 3), Louis C. Benjamin, Jr. (District 4), Lenwood Broussard (District 5), Bruce Conque (District 6), Rob Stevenson (District 8)

ABSENT: Marc Mouton (District 7)

COUNCIL STAFF: Norma Dugas (Clerk of the Council), Veronica Williams (Assistant Clerk), Sally Angers (Administrative Assistant)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Dee Stanley (CAO), Becky Lalumia (CFO), Pat Ottinger (Legal Counsel), Gail Smith (Administrative Services Director), Tom Carroll (Public Works Director), Eleanor Bouy (PZC Director), Robert Benoit (Fire Chief), Sona Dombourian (Library Director), Gerald Boudreaux (Recreation Director)

COMMENCEMENT

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(012) Chair Randy Menard called the Regular Council Meeting of October 4, 2005 to order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair called upon Councilman Bruce Conque to give the invocation and then lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(038) **AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Stanley announced that City-Parish President Durel was out of town on LCG business.

Proclamations

a. Fire Prevention Week. Councilman Lenwood Broussard presented proclamations on behalf of City-Parish President L. J. Durel, Jr. to Fire Chief Robert Benoit, proclaiming the week of October 9 - 12, 2005 as "Fire Prevention Week" for the following Volunteer Fire Departments: Broussard, Carencro, Duson, Judice, Lafayette, Milton, Scott and Youngsville.

b. Disability Awareness Week. Councilman Randy Menard presented a proclamation on behalf of City-Parish President L. J. Durel, Jr. to Harold Arceneaux, proclaiming the week of October 10 - 16, 2005 as "Disability Awareness Week".

Stanley announced that LCG received only one response for debris pick-up from Hurricane Rita. He said LCG officials are meeting with the Corps of Engineers this week to coordinate with them for the pick-up and are hoping to have their contractors start picking up in 5 - 7 days. In the interim, LCG and BFI are hauling debris away.

Stanley called on Mike Mouton to give an update on mosquito control. Mouton informed the Council that LCG has contracted out for aerial spraying for mosquito abatement. He stated that the contractor is one that is used by FEMA and the cost will be \$242,885 (\$1.42 per acre) for a one-time application. Glenn Stokes, Mosquito Control Contractor, Inc., indicated that the spraying should bring relief within a couple of days of the spraying. He stated that LCG was correct in delaying the aerial spraying until now because there was still an emergence of mosquitoes.

Stanley called on Fire Chief Robert Benoit who wanted to bring the Council up to date on the overtime situation.

Chief Benoit reported to the Council that the \$100,000 allocated in overtime for this fiscal year is about to run out. He will be doing a budget revision transferring \$10,000 from salary float to the

overtime line item. He added that the budget revision will have an attachment recognizing the amount of overtime that was used for each month.

Stanley stated that the Administration made a commitment to the Council that they would not come back and indiscriminately move overtime without letting them know what was happening, so the Fire Chief is here to do just that. He said this budget revision can be processed administratively.

Broussard asked for a report on where the next 30 days of overtime goes.

Menard stated that no fireman should benefit from the overtime account because of a refusal to take step-ups. He thanked Benoit for coming forward and said if he needed this to run the department safely then he agrees.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(009) AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

Recognitions

- a. Recognize Stan Dutiel, Lafayette Parish County Agent, to present the Annual Report.

Menard announced that Mr. Dutiel requested that his presentation be postponed until the November 1st meeting.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(012) AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Menard announced that a briefing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. to hear a presentation from Mike Thomas of Justice Planning in regards to the space study for the Lafayette Parish Courthouse. He also announced that Councilman Marc Mouton was unable to be at the meeting due to family business.

Benjamin expressed his condolences to the family of Councilman Williams whose mother-in-law, Katherine Washington, passed away. He also expressed condolences to the family of Alton Malveaux, Sr., who also passed away.

RESOLUTIONS

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(028) AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: R-069-2005 A resolution of the Lafayette City-Parish Council directing the Director of Planning, Zoning and Codes to rename Southeast and Southwest Evangeline Thruway and Northeast and Northwest Evangeline Thruway to Southeast and Southwest Martin Luther King Drive and Northeast and Northwest Martin Luther King Drive and to determine a suitable new street name for the existing Martin Luther King Drive, motion to adopt by Benjamin, seconded by Williams, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: None

NAYS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Stevenson, Menard

ABSENT: Mouton

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was defeated.

Before the voting took place, Badeaux offered a motion to call for the question, seconded by Broussard, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Broussard, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: Williams, Benjamin, Conque

ABSENT: Mouton

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to call for the question was approved.

Benjamin stated that there were people who signed a blue card to speak on this item.

Menard stated that the question has been called and voted on and now it is time to vote on the agenda item.

Williams requested to speak and Menard stated that the question was called and the item was defeated which cut off all debate and asked that the next agenda item be read.

Williams interrupted the reading of the next agenda item.

Menard stated that no one is going to speak on this item and that we are moving forward with this agenda. He stated that if Williams was going to continue to interrupt the meeting, he would recess the meeting and ask that he be removed.

Williams stated that we are not going to have a meeting.

Chair Menard called for a brief recess at 6:25 p.m.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(178) Chair Menard called the meeting back to order at 6:35 p.m. and announced that a call for the question ceases all discussion and public comment on an item. He stated that he will allow any person, who signed in to speak prior to the reading of the agenda item, a chance to speak at the end of the meeting after public comment on the introductory ordinances.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(186) AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: R-070-2005 A resolution of the Lafayette City-Parish Council authorizing the filing of an application with the State of Louisiana Office of Rural Development to provide for firefighting equipment for the Scott Volunteer Fire Department, motion to adopt by Badeaux, seconded by Broussard, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mouton

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously approved

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(195) AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: R-071-2005 A resolution of the Lafayette City-Parish Council authorizing the filing of an application with the Department of Homeland Security, Office for State and Local Government, Coordination and Preparedness for a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant, motion to adopt by Stevenson, seconded by Badeaux, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Broussard, Conque, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benjamin, Mouton

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously approved

Upon questioning by Williams, Benoit stated that this is a grant that will be used to buy a fire safety hazard house and some laptop computers that will do multi-tasking for this purpose. He added that this is at no cost to LCG.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

Menard announced Public Works has requested that Agenda Items 9 and 10 be deferred until the October 18th meeting due to a delay in the bid opening.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: O-252-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 04/05 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring \$4,050,000.00 from East Pont des Mouton Road Widening Project to Reserve – Streets (Districts 2 and 4). *Final adoption deferred until October 18, 2005.*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: O-253-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 04/05 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring \$4,050,000 from Reserve – Streets to West Pont des Mouton Road Widening Project within the Department of Public Works for additional funding needed. (Districts 1 and 2) *Final adoption deferred until October 18, 2005.*

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(225) AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: O-257-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council setting forth and designating the adjusted ad valorem tax millage rates and imposing taxes on all property subject to ad valorem taxation in the Parish of Lafayette and authorizing the Assessor and Tax Collector for the Parish of Lafayette to assess and collect tax millages for 2005, motion to adopt by Broussard, seconded by Conque, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: Badeaux

ABSENT: Mouton

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was approved

Upon questioning by Stevenson, Lalumia stated that the maximum millage will remain at three (3) mills and it takes two (2) ordinances to roll back and roll forward millages. She stated that the bond millage is rolled back in Ordinance O-258-2005. They aren't subject to reassessment, roll forward or roll back, because those are authorized bonds and are eligible to be set at the amount needed to pay for debt service. The two (2) mill part of the Library tax is subject to a roll forward and a roll back during a reassessment year. She concluded by stating that is why you only see the roll back of the two (2) mill library millage. In the next ordinance she reduced the debt service millage by the same amount that the library millage is being increased.

Upon further questioning by Stevenson, Lalumia said that the roll back is based on the authorized amount and the total authorized amount is two (2) mill. When the assessment went up, the new authorized amount is 1.86 mills and that is what you roll back to. LCG was not assessing the full authorized amount. She added that in Section 3 of Ordinance O-258-2005, a Special Tax of 2.9 mills, one (1) mill is for the Library bonds.

Stevenson stated that after the vote on both ordinances, it will still be a combined three (3) mills.

Lalumia agreed and said there will be no change in the total tax rate.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(290) AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: O-258-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council providing for millage rate adjustments and roll forward of millage rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum for tax year 2005 as allowed by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and LA. R.S. 47-1705, in the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, motion to adopt by Broussard, seconded by Conque, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: Badeaux

ABSENT: Mouton

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was approved

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(302) AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: O-265-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 04/05 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by adjusting revenues and expenditures for the Lafayette Parish Coroner's Office, motion to adopt by Conque, seconded by Stevenson, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mouton

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously approved

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(312) AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: O-266-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 04/05 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring \$21,000 from Salaries-Promotion Costs to Salaries-Holiday Pay line items within the Fire Department for additional funding needed, motion to adopt by Bourgeois, seconded by Broussard, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mouton

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously approved

Upon questioning by Stevenson, Lalumia said that Holiday Pay is separated for cost accounting purposes. The Holiday Pay line item is short because of pay raises, personnel changes and an under calculation in the original budget.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(366) AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: O-267-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to enter into an Agreement with Entergy Gulf States, Inc. for the relocation of Entergy's transmission line at the Wetlands Golf Course, motion to adopt by Broussard, seconded by Williams, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mouton

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously approved

Menard announced that Ordinance O-268-2005 has been amended at the request of Pat Ottinger so the motion will need to be as amended.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(380) AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: O-268-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council enacting Article V, "Administration of Contracts," of Chapter Two of the Consolidated Code of Ordinances to provide for the authority to debar certain contractors from transacting business with the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government under certain circumstances, motion to adopt as amended (*Amendments being to Section 2-170. Debarment of Contractors: delete A(2) & A(6); add A(6),E(2)(a) and clarify H*) by Bourgeois, seconded by Conque, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mouton

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously approved

Ottinger stated that the amendments will clarify the notion of suspension by putting a six (6) month period of time on it and also to clarify the circumstances under which a debarred contractor could seek re-qualification after a period of time.

Upon questioning by Williams, Ottinger answered that the fundamental purpose of the ordinance is to create a mechanism whereby a contractor who has worked on an LCG project, who has failed to perform to the satisfaction of the relevant department, can be disqualified from bidding on future work.

Upon further questioning by Williams about the length of suspensions/disbarments and suspension of minority businesses who do not comply with regulations, Ottinger replied that a suspension is for six (6) months and debarment is for up to three (3) years. He also said that Section D states the following: (2) Upon a preponderance of the evidence for any of the following purposes: (a) Violation of the terms of a government contract or subcontract so serious as to justify debarment, including but not limited to: (iii) willful failure to perform, or a history of unsatisfactory performance of any contract obligations regarding disadvantaged business enterprise participation in governmental contracts under City-Parish, State or Federal programs, concerning disadvantaged business enterprises. Ottinger added that this should cover Williams' concerns.

Williams agreed but would like to know how this section will be monitored and what will be the threshold. He requested that this be put as a discussion item on the October 25th agenda.

Stanley injected that this ordinance has been in the works for about a year with the direction of Durel. He said that this was done in response to the frustrations they have heard from this Council and previous Council's about poor performance from contractors who continue to be low bidders on projects. Stanley concluded that this puts in established procedures that are used by the State.

Upon questioning by Conque pertaining to the debarment committee, Ottinger stated that no committee exists until an occasion to debar comes up. The ordinance provides that at least one of the three members is from the department in question. The committee will not be a permanent one size fits all committee. He concluded by stating that if you are debarred by one department you are debarred across the board.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(693) AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: O-269-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette City-Parish President to accept an Act of Donation of Immovable Property, motion to adopt by Stevenson, seconded by Broussard, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: Badeaux

ABSENT: Mouton

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was approved

Upon questioning by Broussard, Ottinger stated that the Young's property was subject to a servitude agreement, which obligated the government to maintain it to avoid erosion. He said they made a claim contending that LCG failed to do so and a settlement was reached with the insurance company. As part of the settlement documentation, which would cost LCG no money, there is a strict release of liability and indemnification, which they resisted. Ottinger stated that this evolved into the donation of the property to LCG, which he feels the value exceeds what the insurance company is paying for it.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL, AS A WHOLE, TO FOLLOWING BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(010) AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: Appointment of _____ to the Lafayette Preservation Commission to fill an unexpired term until August 31, 2006. This is a minority appointment. *No resumes were received, position will be readvertised.*

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(013) AGENDA ITEM NO. 19: Appointment(s) by Council member(s) and/or City Parish President and/or Area Mayors, and/or any other direct appointing authority.

<u>Appointing Authority</u>	<u>Appointee Name and Address</u>	<u>Board, Commission And/or Legal Agency</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
C-P President	Msgr. Harry Benefiel 301 Eraste Landry Road Lafayette, LA 70506	Lafayette City-Parish Recreation Advisory Commission	4 years	10/15/2005

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES ZONING

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(022) A motion was offered by Stevenson, seconded by Conque, to approve the following ordinances for introduction, in-globo, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Conque, Mouton

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously approved

- 20. O-272-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the provisions of Ordinance No. O-131-2003 to specify a period of time for development of bars and lounges proposed but not developed prior to the removal from the list of permitted uses for the CBD (Central Business District) Zoning District.
- 21. 273-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to reflect additional charges for applications for rezoning.
- 22. O-274-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance so as to reclassify the property of Kendall J. and Tiffany R. Charles, Case No. ZON2005-022 Tiffany Charles Chester Street Property Rezoning, located generally east of Chester Street, north of East Pine Street, and south of Matthieu Street from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential) to B-N (Neighborhood Business).
- 23. O-275-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance so as to reclassify the property of Jennifer Celeste Morrison, et al, Case No. ZON2005-023 Morrison North University Avenue Property Rezoning, located generally east of North University Avenue, north of Stone Avenue, and south of Portland Avenue, from R-1-B (Single-Family Residential) to B-1-L (Limited Business).

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

24. O-276-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 04/05 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring salary float within the Lafayette Parish Coroner's Office.
25. O-277-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 04/05 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$37,886.00 NON-TANF and \$7,000.00 TANF for additional funding received from the Supreme Court of Louisiana Drug Court Program Office and appropriating within the Office of Criminal Justice Support Services/Drug Court.
26. O-278-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council adopting a pay plan for the Lafayette City Marshal's Office and granting a 2% pay increase to its employees for FY 05/06.
27. O-279-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council adopting a pay plan for the Lafayette Police Department and granting a 2% pay increase to its employees for FY 05/06.
28. O-280-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council funding and approving a pay plan for the Fire Department for FY 05/06.
29. O-281-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 04/05 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenue in the amount of \$75,000.00 received from the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission (LHSC) for the purpose of participating in the LHSC Statewide Fatal and Injury Crash Reduction effort and appropriating within the Lafayette Police Department, Patrol Division.
30. O-282-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 04/05 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenue in the amount of \$23,838.00 received from the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE) for the Fiscal Year 2005 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) and appropriating within the Lafayette Police Department for use in the Terrorism Prevention Program.
31. O-283-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 04/05 operating and capital budgets of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by recognizing and appropriating \$566,531 in additional funds (\$150,003-Operating Assistance, \$416,528-Capital Assistance) from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Formula Assistance Grant No. LA-90-X277-01 and appropriating within the Traffic and Transportation Department, Transit Division.
32. O-284-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 04/05 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by recognizing and appropriating \$452,764 in additional funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5309 Capital Assistance Grant No. LA-03-0065-04 and appropriating within the Traffic and Transportation Department, Transit Division.
33. O-285-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 04/05 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenue in the amount of \$6,225.00 received from the Lafayette Natural History Museum & Planetarium Association and appropriating within the Department of Information Services and Technology.
34. O-286-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 04/05 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenue in the amount of \$130,320 received from the United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana for the Acadiana Recovery Center within the Department of Community Development.

35. O-287-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the FY 04/05 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring \$4,392 salary float from 45-101-88-6-000-01 "Personnel Salaries" to various Central Parks work orders.
36. O-288-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the application fee for consideration by the Board of Zoning Adjustment of requests for variance from or interpretation of the provisions of the Lafayette Zoning Ordinance or for appeal of decisions made by the Zoning Administrator.
37. O-289-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Code of Ordinances Chapter 26, "Development Regulations," Article III. "Building Code" Section 26-93, "Fees," to adopt a schedule of fees charged by the Codes Division of the Department of Planning, Zoning and Codes.
38. O-290-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council amending the application fees charged for Certificates of Occupancy and Home Occupation Certificates.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(111) AGENDA ITEM NO. 39: Comments from the public concerning the above Introductory Ordinances.

Person speaking on Agenda Item 27 was George Bentley who spoke in favor of the police pay raise but against bad policemen.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE A)(137) Persons speaking in support of Agenda Item 6 were: Larry Wilson, Wallace Senegal, Mervin Harmon, Rose Harmon, Forrest Chaisson and Shelby Williams.

Menard informed the public again that the rules provide that if a call for the question is voted on favorably, it cuts off all debate and then you can call the roll on the item and that is what happened. He said that this has happened on numerous occasions for the last two (2) terms and that Mr. Benjamin quite often calls for the question. He said that this is the 3rd time this particular item has been brought before the Council for a vote.

Bourgeois said that he voted against it because of the cost and added that it is a shame that a street is not named after the Veteran's.

Williams thanked the Chair for allowing the citizens to speak at the end of the meeting and commended Benjamin for taking the time to try and get a proper street named after Martin Luther King, Jr.

Benjamin stated that he made the motion to allow the citizens an opportunity to speak and then he was going to ask that it be deferred so people could sit and talk about it. He said that he does call for the question, but has never done it with the intention of keeping someone from speaking before the Council. He said that he has done this only on issues that relate to budgetary matters, Operation & Maintenance and service related issues. He reiterated that he would never call for the question to deny someone the right to speak and never made an objection when someone was speaking. Benjamin requested that this item be put back on the next agenda.

ADJOURN

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(066) There being no further business to come before the Council, Chair Menard declared the Regular Council meeting adjourned.

/s/ Norma A. Dugas

NORMA A. DUGAS, CLERK

LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL